

# City of Gainesville Newsletter

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## A Word from Mayor Pro-Tem Myrtle Figueras

185 and still going strong! On November 30, 2006 the City of Gainesville will celebrate its 185th birthday. In 185 years we've become the educational, cultural, medical, and economic center of Northeast Georgia and we're not stopping now. 2006 has been another incredible year for our community. I am especially pleased with the following accomplishments: work on the Frances Meadows Community Center, Fair Street Neighborhood Center, Club Teen at the Boys & Girls Club, the Interactive Neighborhood for Kids (INK) at the Featherbone Center and the future opening of the YMCA. Recreational opportunities in Gainesville are endless! As many of you know, education is nearest and dearest to my heart. It excites me to see so many of you getting involved in your children's lives at school and serving as mentors for other children. I am also very pleased with plans for retail/mixed use development along the 129 South corridor. The economic engine keeps rolling through Gainesville!



Find out more about what's happening in our community by joining me January 13, 2007 when Second Saturday informational meetings resume at 10:00 a.m. at the Gainesville-Hall County Senior Center on Prior Street or email [citycouncil@gainesville.org](mailto:citycouncil@gainesville.org).

## We Value Our Customers

The [Gainesville Public Utilities Department](#) has been working on several ways to improve customer service for the more than 50,000 households they serve each day. A private area has been set up for customers to apply for service. An upgraded phone system provides information in both English and Spanish, greatly reducing on-hold time. And [forms](#) for bank draft, business, and residential applications are available online. You can also access the



department at [customerservice@gainesville.org](mailto:customerservice@gainesville.org).



### Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!

Just when the [Gainesville Street Maintenance Division](#) picks up all the leaves... WOW! There's another 1000 loads to go! In order for us to serve you better please place leaves in long narrow piles at the back of the curb. This will help keep the leaves off the road and out of the storm drain. Also, please remove all trash, sticks, and small limbs longer than eight inches. Leaves should be ready for pick up on Monday morning in the following zones.

- ZONE 1: 1st & 3rd week of month
- ZONE 2: 2nd & 4th week of month

From October 2 – November 10 crews collected more than 90 loads of leaves. If you have any questions about your zone call 770-532-0379.

### Mayors' Motorcade

The City of Gainesville has been participating in the Mayors' Motorcade for 48 years and we want to make 2006 the best year ever! Donated items will be delivered to residents at Northwest Regional Hospital in Rome on December 12. Gifts are needed for all ages. Toiletries, sweat suits, hats, and sports related items are always popular. Toys are also needed for children. Drop off unwrapped gifts by December 7th at the following locations:



Gainesville-Hall County Community Service Center – 430 Prior Street S.E.

- Fire Station 1 – 118 Jesse Jewell Parkway
- Fire Station 2 – 310 Piedmont Road
- Fire Station 3 – 3335 Nancy Creek Road
- Fire Station 4 – 2163 Memorial Park Road

Details: Carol LaMonica 770-503-3330



### GHS 1944 Commemorative Ornament on Sale Now!

Here's a great stocking stuffer for alumni and friends of Gainesville High School. This ornament, circa 1944, features

GHS when it was located on Washington Street between Maple Street and West Academy. The ornament is the 11th in a series produced each year by [Main Street Gainesville](#). Ornaments are \$18 and can be purchased from Corner Cottage, Frames You-Nique, Saul's, Home Sweet Georgia, and Gem Jewelry.

### Jazzerkids Camp and Abrakadoodle Art Camps

[Gainesville Parks and Recreation](#) has the perfect plan for entertaining the kids during Winter Break. Register now for the Jazzerkids Camp or any of the Abrakadoodle Art Camps. Call 770-531-2680 for details, then sit back, relax and enjoy the holiday.



### Eye on Gainesville

Don't miss the December edition of Eye on Gainesville on TV18. Host Catiel Felts will recap the events of 2006 in her annual Year in Review show. Highlights include the return of the troops in March, the annual Memorial Day Parade in May, and the city's 185th birthday celebration in November. Eye on Gainesville airs every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:30pm.

### Good Morning Gainesville

The December edition of Good Morning Gainesville comes to you from Luna's Restaurant. Don't miss this special holiday show with City Manager Bryan Shuler, Stacey Dickson from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, details on the Mayors' Motorcade and puppies from the Humane Society. Holiday music provided by Luna's piano player Steve Jade. That's December 20-25 at 7:00am and 9:00am on TV 18, the Government Channel for Gainesville Hall County.



## Calendar of Events

**City of Gainesville Government Offices Closed | 11.23.06 and 11.24.06**

**Great Candy Cane Hunt – Martha Hope Cabin | 12.02.06**

Pre-register by November 27, \$5 per child  
Presented by Gainesville Parks and Recreation  
Details: 770-531-2680

**Gainesville's 185th Birthday Celebration | 11.30.06**

Georgia Mountains Center Arena 6:00pm  
Cupcakes for everyone!  
Details: 770-531-6598

**Downtown by Candlelight 11.30.06 | 12.07.06 | 12.14.06 | 12.21.06**

There's nothing like holiday shopping on the square!  
Extended hours 5:00-8:00 pm  
Treats, Specials, Horse & Carriage Rides, and SANTA!  
Presented by Main Street Gainesville  
Details: 770-297-1141

**City Council Meeting | 12.05.06**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

**City Council Work Session | 12.07.06**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting | 12.11.06**

5:30pm Gainesville Civic Center Board Room

**Gainesville Planning and Appeals Board Meeting | 12.12.06**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

**City Council Work Session | 12.14.06**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**City Council Meeting | 12.19.06**

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting | 12.20.06**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

**City Council Work Session | 12.21.06**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

**City of Gainesville Government Offices Closed 12.25.06 and 12.26.06**

**City Council Work Session | 12.28.06**  
9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303



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